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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL ASYLEE OR REFUGEE, ROBERT KUBKA

1. ROBERT KUBKA, CZECH CITIZEN APPROACHED THIS EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE IN REACHING THE UNITED STATES. KUBKA, BORN PRAGUE 9 APRIL 1951, HOLDS CZECH PASSPORT 562569 ISSUED PRAGUE 4 JUNE 1968, RESIDES ANTALA STASKA 31, PRAGUE. STUDENT OF LANGUAGES AT PRAGUE UNIVERSITY. SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH. MEMBER OF UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH (SSM). CLAIMS CREDIBLY THAT MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATORY FOR PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT ACTIVITIES, TRAVEL, ETC. ADMITS NO OTHER MEMBERSHIPS. HAS NOT REPEAT NOT APPROACHED GOL RE ASYLUM.

2. KUBKA WISHES JOIN DAUGHTER OF PROFESSOR LLOYD K. BISHOP, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, 4 WASHINGTON PLACE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE 212-598-2918. HE MET MISS BISHOP IN PRAGUE AND IS NOW ENGAGED TO HER. PROFESSOR BISHOP HAS CORRESPONDED WITH EMBASSY AND HAS EXPRESSED
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HIS WILLINGNESS SUPPORT HIM FINANCIALLY.

3. LUBKA STATES HE HAS SOUGHT MEANS TO FLEE TO WEST FOR TWO YEARS. ONLY OPPORTUNITY WAS ORGANIZED TOUR GROUP TO LEBANON. GROUP REMAINS HERE UNTIL OCTOBER 2 CHARTER FLIGHT DIRECT RETURN TO PRAGUE. KUBKA STAYING WITH TOUR GROUP AT RESORT HOTEL ON BEIRUT OUTSKIRTS. AS LONG AS HE REMAINS WITH GROUP FOR ITS TOURS AND ACTIVITIES AND APPROACHES EMBASSY ONLY DURING SCHEDULED FREE TIME PERIODS, HE NOT IN DANGER. SOME ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE, HOWEVER, PRIOR TO OCTOBER 2.

4. KUBKA MIGHT QUALIFY FOR "K" VISA AS FIANCEE OF US CITIZEN. IN FACT, THIS POSSIBILITY EXPLORED WITH HIM BY A VISA OFFICER WHEN HE FIRST APPROACHED EMBASSY FEW DAYS AGO WHEN HIS STATUS AS POTENTIAL REFUGEE/ASYLEE NOT YET DISCERNABLE. AT THAT TIME, EMBASSY INITIATED VISAS EAGLE TELEGRAM (BEIRUT 11110) AND SUGGESTED KUBKA URGE FIANCEE BY TELEGRAM TO PETITION INS IMMEDIATELY. THERE ARE TWO DRAWBACKS THIS SOLUTION. PETITION AND CLEARANCE PROCEDURES PROBABLY TOO TIME CONSUMING. MARRIAGE IN US MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHIN 90 DAY PERIOD. BOTH KUBKA AND BISHOPS ARE MORMONS AND TEMPLE MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE TIME. FURTHERMORE, PARENTS EVIDENTLY PREFER THAT DAUGHTER AND KUBKA FINISH SCHOOL BEFORE MARRIAGE.

5. ALTERNATIVELY, KUBKA COULD QUALIFY AS 203(A)7 CONDITIONAL ENTRANT. ASSUME COULD BE PROCESSED HERE DURING LOU PAPPAS' NEXT SCHEDULED VISIT IN EARLY NOVEMBER. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD NOT BE WITHOUT ITS DANGERS. ALTHOUGH LOCAL AUTHORITIES MIGHT WELL EXTEND KUBKA'S VISA AND PERMIT HIM REMAIN UNMOLESTED, WE CAN NOT BE CERTAIN GOL COULD RESIST PRESSURE TO RETURN HIM TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA SHOULD CZECH AUTHORITIES DECIDE MAKE AN ISSUE OF MATTER.

6. UNDOUBTEDLY BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE TO PROCESS HIM AS CONDITIONAL ENTRANT BY INS ROME. IF THIS IS POSSIBLE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND HIS DEPARTURE FOR ROME AS SOON AS ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED.
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7. WE BELIEVE PROFESSOR BISHOP WILLING PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO US. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ASSIST IN TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR BEIRUT-NEW YORK FLIGHT VIA ROME. SUGGEST TRANSFER FUNDS THROUGH DEPARTMENT IN MANNER SIMILAR TO SCS DEPOSIT, IF THAT POSSIBLE. WE BELIEVE TRANSFER THROUGH AIRLINE OR BANK SHOULD BE AVOIDED IN VIEW THE SLIGHT CHANCE INFORMATION LEAK

MIGHT COMPROMISE KUBKA. PROFESSOR BISHOP MAY WISH
SEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS, PERHAPS \$50, FOR KUBA'S USE
SINCE HE PLANS ABANDON LUGGAGE AT HOTEL INSTEAD RISK
TIPPING HIS HAND.

8. FOR ROME: ASSUMING DECISION IS MADE TO PROCESS
IN ROME, WE WILL ASSIST HIM OBTAIN ITALIAN FIVE DAY
TRANSIT VISA. CAN PROCESSING BE COMPLETED IN THAT
TIME FRAME? IF NOT, CAN ITALIAN VISA EXTENSION BE
OBTAINED?

9. KUBKA INTENDS CALL AT EMBASSY AGAIN DURING NEXT
FREE TIME, MORNING SEPTEMBER 25. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S
INSTRUCTIONS.

10. AFTER DRAFTING THIS CABLE, WE RECEIVED COMMERCIAL
CABLE FROM PROFESSOR BISHOP REQUESTING US FACILITATE
"REFUGEE VISA" AND PROMISING SEND \$100 AND AIR FARE.
REQUEST DEPARTMENT INFORM HIM PRESENT STATUS OF CASE.
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